

## HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES, GREAT LAKE, LAND USE, AND ENVIRONMENT

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Thursday, March 24, 2005

9:00 a.m.

Room 519 House Office Building

Representative Palsrok, Chair, called the meeting to order.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Representatives Palsrok, Pavlov, Meyer, Palmer, LaJoy, Ward, Elsenheimer, Moore, Pearce, Gillard, Miller, Byrnes, Kathleen Law, Bennett and Donigan.

Representative Pavlov moved to approve the minutes of the March 17, 2005 meeting.

Representative Gillard supported the motion.

There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

The committee received a presentation by Andrea Brown, representing the Michigan Society of Planning.

The committee received a presentation by Bill Rustem, representing the Public Sector Consultants.\*

The Chair announced the creation of the Subcommittee on Tourism. Members of the subcommittee: Representatives Moore, Chair, Pearce, Pavlov, Donigan, Min Vice-Chair, and Bennett.

The Chair laid HB 4257 before the committee.

**HB 4257 Walker**                      Taxation; farmland and open space; agricultural security areas; provide for.

Representative Walker testified in support of HB 4257.

The following people submitted cards in support of HB 4257, but did not wish to speak:

Doug Roberts, representing the Michigan Chamber of Commerce,  
Tom Hickson, representing the Michigan Association of Counties,  
Paul Stankewitz, representing the Michigan Catholic Conference,  
Brian Westrin, representing the Michigan Association of Realtors.

Scott Schrager, representing the Michigan Department of Treasury, testified in opposition to HB 4257 as written.

Lee Schwartz, representing the Michigan Association of Home Builders, testified in support of HB 4257.

Rob Anderson, representing the Michigan Farm Bureau, testified in support HB 4257.

Bill Anderson, representing the Michigan Townships Association, testified in support of HB 4257.

Al Stinson, representing the Michigan Association for Pure Bred Dogs, and the Michigan Hunting Dogs Federation, testified in support of HB 4257.\*

Cindy Coke, representing the United Kennel Clubs, testified in support of HB 4257.

Representative Gillard moved to adopt the following amendment to HB 4257.

1. Amend page 9, following line 14, by inserting:

**"(6) THE STATE LAND USE AGENCY MAY EXECUTE AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT CONTRACTS ON BEHALF OF THIS STATE UP TO THE FOLLOWING MAXIMUM NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FOLLOWING YEARS:**

**(A) IN 2006, UP TO 200,000 ACRES.**

**(B) IN 2007, UP TO 200,000 ADDITIONAL ACRES.**

**(C) IN 2008, UP TO 200,000 ADDITIONAL ACRES.**

**(D) IN 2009, UP TO 200,000 ADDITIONAL ACRES.**

**(E) IN 2010, UP TO 200,000 ADDITIONAL ACRES.**

**(F) IN 2011 AND THEREAFTER, THE STATE LAND USE AGENCY SHALL NOT EXECUTE ANY AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT CONTRACTS."**

Representative Elsenheimer supported the motion.

The motion prevailed by a vote of 15-0-0.

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

**Yeas:** Representatives Palsrok, Pavlov, Meyer, Palmer, LaJoy, Ward, Elsenheimer, Moore, Pearce, Gillard, Miller, Byrnes, Kathleen Law, Bennett and Donigan,

**Nays:** None,

**Pass:** None.

Representative Ward moved to adopt the following amendments to HB 4257.

1. Amend page 11, line 2, after "**CONTRACT.**" by inserting "**HOWEVER, THE CREDIT IS LIMITED TO THE MILLAGE RATE IN EFFECT WHEN THE FARMLAND BECOMES SUBJECT TO THE AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT CONTRACT.**".

2. Amend page 13, line 17, after "**CONTRACT.**" by inserting "**HOWEVER, THE CREDIT IS LIMITED TO THE MILLAGE RATE IN EFFECT WHEN THE FARMLAND BECOMES SUBJECT TO THE AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT CONTRACT.**".

Representative Gillard supported the motion.

The motion prevailed by a vote of 15-0-0.

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

**Yeas:** Representatives Palsrok, Pavlov, Meyer, Palmer, LaJoy, Ward, Elsenheimer, Moore, Pearce, Gillard, Miller, Byrnes, Kathleen Law, Bennett and Donigan,

**Nays:** None,

**Pass:** None.

Representative LaJoy moved to adopt the following amendments to HB 4257.

1. Amend page 10, line 22, by striking out "**2005**" and inserting "**2006**".

2. Amend page 13, line 10, after "**31**," by striking out "**2005**" and inserting "**2006**".

Representative Gillard supported the motion.

The motion prevailed by a vote of 15-0-0.

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

**Yeas:** Representatives Palsrok, Pavlov, Meyer, Palmer, LaJoy, Ward, Elsenheimer, Moore, Pearce, Gillard, Miller, Byrnes, Kathleen Law, Bennett and Donigan,

**Nays:** None,

**Pass:** None.

Representative LaJoy moved to report out HB 4257 as substituted (H-1) with recommendation.

Representative Gillard supported the motion.

The motion prevailed by a vote of 11-1-3.

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

**Yeas:** Representatives Palsrok, Pavlov, Meyer, Palmer, LaJoy, Ward, Elsenheimer, Moore, Pearce, Gillard and Byrnes,

**Nays:** Representative Bennett,

**Pass:** Representatives Miller, Kathleen Law and Donigan.

**HB 4257 (H-1) reported out with recommendation.**

With no further business to come before the committee, the Chair adjourned the meeting, the time being 10:30 a.m.

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Representative Palsrok, Chair

Ben Cook  
Committee Clerk  
March 24, 2005  
1 hour 30 minutes

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Date Approved and Signed

\* indicates printed materials attached to original minutes.